Creation of two specific zones

3880. SHRIEKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been approved the creation of two specific zones that are pegged to do exports of Rs. 1,885 crore over the next five years;

(b) whether any additional Agri-Export Zones (AEZs) have been created; and

(c) the total number of such zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE !N THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) Two Agri Export zones. One in Madhya Pradesh for wheat and the other in the Uttar Pradesh for Basmati rice are expected to generated exports of the order of Rs. 1185 crore over the next five year.

(b) and (c) 45 Agri Zones for different products have been approved till date.

IVIFA for minimum support price for Tobacco

3881. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Virginia Tobacco Farmers'Association held a meeting in Vijayawada to demand a minimum support price for their produce recently;

(b) whether farmers have been demanding tobacco price stabilization fund for them;

(c) if so, Government's response thereto?

(d) the steps being taken to provide remunerative price to tobacco growers; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) The Government has no information of the meeting of the Virginia Tobacco Growers Association at Vijayawada.